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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the instant application as follows.

In the Specification:

At page 1, before line 1, insert Background of the Invention--.

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At page 3, before line 19, insert

--Brief Description of the Several Views of the Drawing

Figure 1 is a graph comparing the coefficient of friction of the water-based fluid (I) without a lubricant and with the lubricant (b).

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Figure 2 is a graph comparing the coefficient of friction of the oil-based fluid (II) without a lubricant and with the lubricant (b) + (c).--

At page 3, line 19, insert Detailed Description of the Invention--.

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